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1. BEST INFORMATION HERE CONTRADICTS ALLEGATIONS (REFTEL)
OF EGYPTIAN TROOP PRESENCE IN OGADEN OR SOMALIA. DATT HAS

BEEN TOLD REPEATEDLY BY EGYPTIAN DIRECTOR OF MILITARY INTELLIGENCE (DMI) AND OTHERS THAT EGYPTIANS HAVE NOT SENT ANY COMBAT PERSONNEL TO SOMALIA FOR SUPPORT OF OPERATIONS IN THE OGADEN. THEY CONCEDE SHIPMENT OF ARMS TO INCLUDE REFERENCED ARTILLERY AND ANTI-AIRCRAFT MATERIAL. AT MOST, EGYPTIANS ADMIT TO SENDING POSSIBLY FIFTY-SIXTY TECHNICIANS TO WORK ON MILITARY EQUIPMENT REPAIR. THESE MEN ARE PURPORTEDLY NOT IN MILITARY GARB.

2. WE NOTE THAT EGYPTIAN AMBASSADOR TO DJIBOUTI HAS CONFIRMED EGYPTIAN MILITARY MATERIEL BEING SENT TO SOMALIA. IT IS UNCLEAR FROM REFTEL WHETHER HE WAS QUERIED CONCERNING INTRODUCTION OF EGYPTIAN COMBAT TROOPS. IN VIEW OF REPEATED DENIALS HERE IT WOULD BE HELPFUL TO HAVE CLARIFICATION BY THE EGYPTIAN AMBASSADOR IN DJIBOUTI OF ALLEGED EGYPTIAN COMBAT TROOP PRESENCE. EILTS

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